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## FILING COMPLETION UNDER RULE 53(f)

( NOT PCT Applications)  
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PATENT  
APPLICATION

**COMPLETION Under**  
**Rule 53(f)**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Attn: Application Division

Inventor(s): AOKI et al.

Appln. No.: 10	084,657	Atty.Dkt. P	290733	PF06H241/1-US
Series Code ↑	Serial No. ↑		M#	Client Ref

Filed: February 28, 2002

Title: FUEL TANK WELDING JOINT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Date: April 4, 2002

Sir:

The following completes the filing under Rule 53(f) of the above-identified patent application:

- Notice to File Missing Parts** ☒ copy attached ☐ not yet received
- ☐ Signed Declaration attached. ☐ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy

(Always "X" box 2 if filling signed Declaration and

"X" box 2A only if top box of the Declaration is X'd and file application copy, or

"X" box 2B only if none of the top three boxes of the Declaration is X'd.)

- 2A. ☒ Attached: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claim(s)) which is a copy of specification and claim(s) originally filed to secure the above filing date.

2B. ☐ The original application as filed in the PTO on the above filing date is the application which each inventor executed by signing the attached Rule 63 Declaration.
- ☐ Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:
  - ☐ Abstract
  - #  pages of Specification (only spec. & claims)
  - ☐ Drawing(s)  No of Sheets
  - ☐ Fig(s).
- ☐ Letter filing formal drawing attached.

- ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.
- DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1)		(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	

- FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Japan

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 2001-56806	March 1, 2001	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	

9. \_\_\_\_\_ (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
in U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ / filed on \_\_\_\_\_
10. Small Entity Status ☐ ☒ is Not claimed ☐ is claimed (file PAT-256 if this is the first claim of Small Entity Status)
11. ☐ Attached:
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

**THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED**

				Large/Small Entity		Fee Code
13. Basic Filing Fee . . . . . Design Application				\$330/\$165		106/26
Not Design Application				\$740/\$370	+740	101/201
14. Total Effective Claims	20	minus 20 =	0	x \$18/\$9	+0	103/203
15. Independent Claims	4	minus 3 =	1	x \$84/\$42	+84	102/202
16. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application)				\$280/\$140	+0	104/204
17. Surcharge for filing Declaration/filing fee late				\$130/\$65	+130	105/205
18. FILING FEE ENCLOSED =					\$954	
19. Original due date: May 20, 2002						
20. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached				(1 mo) \$110/\$55 =	+0	115/215
				(2mos) \$400/\$200 =		116/216
				(3mos) \$920/\$460 =		117/217
				(4mos) \$1,440/\$720 =		118/218
21. If "non-English" box 3 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee . . . . .				\$130	+0	139
22. If "assignment" box 5 is X'd, add recording fee. . . . .				\$40	+40	581
23. Petition Fee for				\$130	+0	
24. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =					\$994	

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

01 FC:101	740.00 OP
02 FC:102	84.00 OP
03 FC:105	130.00 OP

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$84.  
    ■ \$84 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity; must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 954.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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